

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in Conference Room 109 located at 260 West Exchange Street, Providence RI on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Acting Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Blackburn, Preiss, Filippi, Richard and O'Connell. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following cases were heard.

APPEAL # 070188: St. Bernard's Church and the North Kingstown School Department for the property located at 250 School Street in North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a limited time variance for one week in the summer of 2008 for the use of the Davisville Middle School to house people staffing a work camp.

This variance is granted predicated on the submission of an evacuation plan presented to the AHJ, and the lack of any objection by the North Kingstown School Department. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050252: Mr. Bruce Larson, for the property located at 7745 Post Road, North Kingstown. ADSFM Gordon Walsh appeared for the North Kingstown Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant's request for a variance from the provisions of section 7.2.1.3.5. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050265: Mr. Donald Asprinio, for the property located at 124 Snow Street, Providence. Lt. Richard Fournier and Lt. Richard Silva appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Preiss made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a variance from the provisions of section 7.1.10.2.1 to allow the cited sink to remain in this not-normally occupied space. The Applicant is also granted a variance from the provisions of sections 13.2.1, 7.4.1.1, 13.2.1 and 7.7.2 in the basement, which is unoccupied and not a public space. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty days from the hearing date to submit sprinkler and fire alarm plans to the AHJ and an additional 120 days from the approval date in which to have the compliant sprinkler and fire alarms properly installed. The Applicant is directed to resolve the change in elevation on the dance floor at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The Applicant is further directed to provide documentation of maintenance and testing of the facility's current sprinkler system and documentation of the installation of a back flow preventer, within seven (7) days of the hearing date. The Applicant is further directed to replace the FDC at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Finally, any other deficiencies noted by the Providence Fire Marshal's office shall be corrected within thirty (30) days of the date of this decision. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #070025: Providence Housing Authority, for the property located at 243 Smith Street, Providence. ADSFM Frank Mills appeared for the Providence Fire Alarm Division. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to approve the Applicant's request for a variance from the required square footage of the command center at this location. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050267: Donna Amaral of the Eastgate Nursing and Recovery Center, for the property located at 198 Waterman Avenue, East Providence. Chief of Inspections William Howe appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to grant the Applicant's request for relief from the provisions of section 19.3.6.1. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050253: Mr. Ward Ring, for the property located at 10 Pier Road, East Providence. Capt. Anthony Cunha appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Filippi made a motion, seconded by Commissioner O'Connell, to grant the Applicant a time variance of 120 days in which to correct the deficiencies cited in the East Providence Fire Marshal's report. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050254: . Ward Ring, for the property located at 54 Water Street, East Providence. Capt. Anthony Cunha appeared for the East

Providence Fire Marshal's office. It was decided that a subcommittee of the Board will conduct an on-site inspection of this facility; no action was taken at this time.

APPEAL #050251: Ms. Joan Mayewski, for the property located at 586 North Main Street, Woonsocket. Capt. David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Richard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to grant the following relief. The Applicant is granted a time variance of thirty (30) days from the date of the decision in which to hire a professional to design the fire alarm plans, an additional thirty (30) days for plans to be submitted, and an additional 120 days for the fire alarm system to be installed. Because there is sleeping above the third floor of this facility, during the above time period the Applicant is directed to have the egress system of this facility sprinklered, by the installation of domestically supplied sprinkler heads. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050906: Mr. Paul Sharantonakis, for the property located at 149 Elm Street, Woonsocket. Capt. David Beaubien appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to have the alarm in this facility put in full service within 24-48 hours of this hearing, and to have the fire extinguishers serviced and tagged, or replaced, or installed, within the same 24-48 hours. The Applicant is directed to return to the Board on May 8, 2007, with a plan of action for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #050907: Mr. Paul Sharantonakis, for the property located at 24 Gaulin Avenue, Woonsocket. ADSFM Thomas Papa appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Blackburn made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to have the fire alarm system in this facility repaired within 24 hours of this hearing, and to have the fire extinguishers serviced and tagged, or replaced, or installed, within the same time period. The Applicant is directed to return to the Board on May 8, 2007, with a plan of action for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #060894B: Narragansett Pellet Corp., for the property located at 275 Ferris Avenue, Rumford. Chief Deputy R. Michael DiMascolo appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. ADSFM David Rave and ADSFM Robert J. Powers appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Newbrook and Blackburn recused themselves from consideration of this case, which was heard in subcommittee as a quorum no longer existed with two (2) commissioners recusing. Commissioner Gordon Preiss was the Acting Chairman for this case at this hearing. The subcommittee recommendation, which will be submitted to the full Board for their vote, will be made on April 10, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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